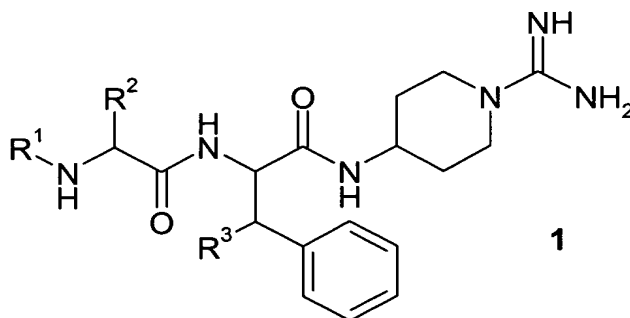


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1 (Original) A compound according to general formula 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,



wherein

R¹ is selected from H, lower alkyl, R⁴-CO, R⁴-O₂CCH₂, R⁵-OCO and R⁵-SO₂;

R² is selected from lower alkyl, cycloalkyl optionally substituted with an alkyl or alkyloxy group, (C₅-C₁₂)cycloalkylalkyl optionally substituted with an alkyl or alkyloxy group, aralkyl optionally substituted with up to three groups chosen from F, Cl, Br, I, OH, lower alkyl, O-(lower alkyl), O-benzyl, NH₂, NO₂, NH-acyl, CN and CF₃, and aralkyloxymethyl optionally substituted with up to three groups chosen from F, Cl, Br, OH, lower alkyl and O-(lower alkyl); or

R¹ and R² together are an o-xylylene group optionally substituted on the aromatic ring with a group selected from F, Cl, Br, OH, lower alkyl and O-(lower alkyl);

R³ is selected from H, OH and O-lower alkyl;

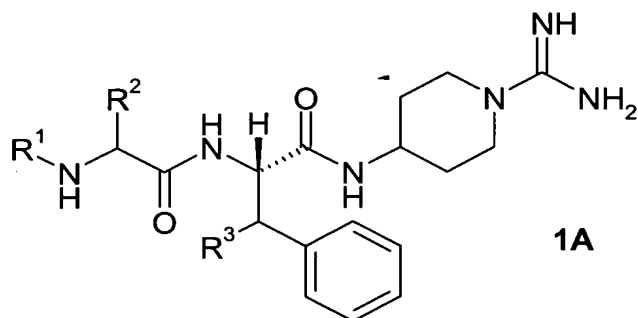
R⁴ is selected from H, lower alkyl and phenyl; and

R⁵ is selected from lower alkyl, phenyl and benzyl.

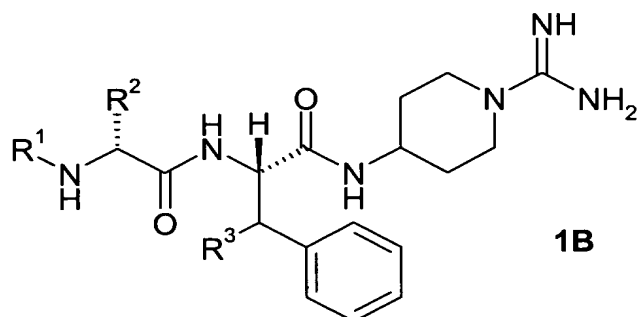
- 2 (Original) A compound according to Claim 1 wherein R¹ is selected from H, lower alkyl, and R⁴-O₂CCH₂.
- 3 (Currently Amended) A compound according to ~~either of Claims 1 and 2~~ Claim 1 wherein R² is selected from (C₆-C₁₀)cycloalkylmethyl, benzyl optionally substituted with up to three groups chosen from F, Cl, Br, OH, lower alkyl and O-(lower alkyl), phenethyl optionally substituted with

up to three groups chosen from F, Cl, Br, OH, lower alkyl and O-(lower alkyl) and benzyloxymethyl optionally substituted with up to three groups chosen from F, Cl, Br, OH, lower alkyl and O-(lower alkyl).

- 4 (Currently Amended) A compound according to ~~any of Claims 1 to 3~~ Claim 1 wherein R² is selected from cyclohexylmethyl, decahydronaphth-2-ylmethyl, benzyl, 4-fluorobenzyl, 4-chlorobenzyl, 4-hydroxybenzyl, 4-(lower alkyl)oxybenzyl, α-hydroxybenzyl, α-methoxybenzyl, phenethyl and benzyloxymethyl.
- 5 (Currently Amended) A compound according to ~~any of Claims 1 to 4~~ Claim 1 wherein the absolute stereochemistry is as depicted in general formula 1A.



- 6 (Currently Amended) A compound according to ~~any of Claims 1 to 5~~ Claim 1 wherein the absolute stereochemistry is as depicted in general formula 1B.



- 7 (Currently Amended) A compound according to ~~any of Claims 1 to 6~~ Claim 1 selected from

(2'S,2'R)-4-(2'-(2"-amino-3"-(4'''-ethoxyphenyl)propanoylamino)-3'-phenylpropanoyl-amino)piperidine-1-carboxamidine;

(2'S,2''R)-4-(2'-(2''-carboxymethylamino-3''-(4'''-ethoxyphenyl)propanoylamino)-3'-phenylpropanoylamino)piperidine-1-carboxamidine;

(2'S,2''R)-4-(2'-(3''-(4'''-ethoxyphenyl)-2''-(methyloxycarbonylmethylamino)propanoylamino)-3'-phenylpropanoylamino)piperidine-1-carboxamidine;

(2'S,2''R)-4-(2'-(2''-amino-3''-cyclohexylpropanoylamino)-3'-phenylpropanoylamino)piperidine-1-carboxamidine;

(2'S,2''R)-4-(2'-(2''-carboxymethylamino-3''-cyclohexylpropanoylamino)-3'-phenylpropanoylamino)piperidine-1-carboxamidine;

(2'S,2''R)-4-(2'-(3''-cyclohexyl-2''-(methyloxycarbonylmethylamino)propanoylamino)-3'-phenylpropanoylamino)piperidine-1-carboxamidine;

(2'S,2''R)-4-(2'-(2''-amino-3''-phenylpropanoylamino)-3'-phenylpropanoylamino)piperidine-1-carboxamidine;

(2'S,2''R)-4-(2'-(2''-carboxymethylamino-3''-phenylpropanoylamino)-3'-phenylpropanoylamino)piperidine-1-carboxamidine;

(2'S,2''R)-4-(2'-(2''-(methyloxycarbonylmethylamino)-3''-phenylpropanoylamino)-3'-phenylpropanoylamino)piperidine-1-carboxamidine;

(2'S,2''R)-4-(2'-(2''-amino-3''-decahydronaphth-2'''-ylpropanoylamino)-3'-phenylpropanoylamino)piperidine-1-carboxamidine;

(2'S,2''R)-4-(2'-(2''-carboxymethylamino-3''-decahydronaphth-2'''-ylpropanoylamino)-3'-phenylpropanoylamino)piperidine-1-carboxamidine;

(2'S,2''R)-4-(2'-(3''-decahydronaphth-2'''-yl-2''-(methyloxycarbonylmethylamino)propanoyl-

amino)-3'-phenylpropanoylamino)piperidine-1-carboxamidine;

(2'S,2''R,3'R)-4-(2'-(2''-amino-3''-cyclohexylpropanoylamino)-3'-hydroxy-3'-phenylpropanoyl-amino)piperidine-1-carboxamidine;

(2'S,2''R,3'R)-4-(2'-(2''-carboxymethylamino-3''-cyclohexylpropanoylamino)-3'-hydroxy-3'-phenylpropanoylamino)piperidine-1-carboxamidine;

(2'S,2''R,3'R)-4-(2'-(3''-cyclohexyl-2''-(methyloxycarbonylmethylamino)propanoylamino)-3'-hydroxy-3'-phenylpropanoylamino)piperidine-1-carboxamidine;

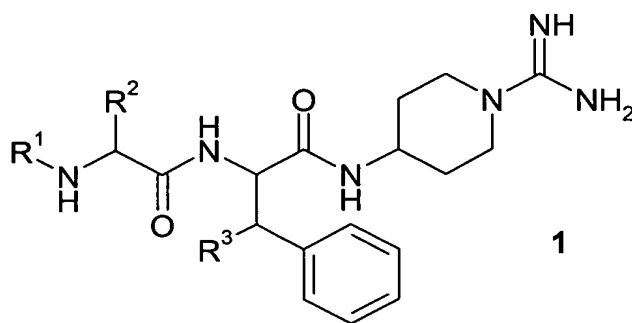
(2'S,2''R,3'R)-4-(2'-(2''-amino-3''-(4'''-ethoxyphenyl)propanoylamino)-3'-methoxy-3'-phenylpropanoylamino)piperidine-1-carboxamidine;

(2'S,2''R,3'R)-4-(2'-(2''-carboxymethylamino-3''-(4'''-ethoxyphenyl)propanoylamino)-3'-methoxy-3'-phenylpropanoylamino)piperidine-1-carboxamidine; and

(2'S,2''R,3'R)-4-(2'-(3''-(4'''-ethoxyphenyl)-2''-(methyloxycarbonylmethylamino)propanoylamino)-3'-methoxy-3'-phenylpropanoylamino)piperidine-1-carboxamidine

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

- 8 (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to any of ~~Claims 1 to 7~~ Claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- 9 (Original) A method of treatment of a disease condition for which over activity of plasma kallikrein is a causative factor comprising administration to a patient in need thereof of a pharmaceutically active amount of compound of general formula 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,



wherein

R¹ is selected from H, lower alkyl, R⁴-CO, R⁴-O₂CCH₂, R⁵-OCO and R⁵:SO₂;

R² is selected from lower alkyl, cycloalkyl optionally substituted with an alkyl or alkyloxy group, (C₅-C₁₂)cycloalkylalkyl optionally substituted with an alkyl or alkyloxy group, aralkyl optionally substituted with up to three groups chosen from F, Cl, Br, I, OH, lower alkyl, O-(lower alkyl), O-benzyl, NH₂, NO₂, NH-acyl, CN and CF₃, and aralkyloxymethyl optionally substituted with up to three groups chosen from F, Cl, Br, OH, lower alkyl and O-(lower alkyl); or

R¹ and R² together are an o-xylylene group optionally substituted on the aromatic ring with a group selected from F, Cl, Br, OH, lower alkyl and O-(lower alkyl);

R³ is selected from H, OH and O-lower alkyl;

R⁴ is selected from H, lower alkyl and phenyl; and

R⁵ is selected from lower alkyl, phenyl and benzyl.

- 10 (Original) A method according to claim 9 for the treatment of inflammatory bowel disease, arthritis, inflammation, septic shock, hypotension, cancer, adult respiratory distress syndrome, disseminated intravascular coagulation, cardiopulmonary bypass surgery and bleeding from post-operative surgery.
- 11 (Currently Amended) The use, in the manufacture of a medicament for treatment of disease in a human or animal, of a compound according to ~~any of claims 1 to 7~~ Claim 1.
- 12 (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition according to claim Claim 8 for the treatment of a disease condition for which over activity of plasma kallikrein is a causative factor.